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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

SUBJECT : Your Draft Compilation, "FUNCTIONS OF THE AGENCY",
Circulated Under Buckslip Dated 23 April 1975

1. As I told you this morning, I strongly object to the subject paper, both in terms of form and content, for the purpose of serving "as a foundation for a new Agency Charter."

2. One of my primary objections is that it treats with the functions of each of the Directorates, but does not even discuss the functions and responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence. (Incidentally, the same criticism can be made to a large extent about the existing legislation.) But, without a statement of the Director's responsibilities and functions, any Charter on the CIA will be hollow and without focus. The functions and responsibilities of all of the Directorates really derive from those of the DCI and only in this context do they begin to make sense. On this basis I recommend that your draft be completely recast with an effort to show how each of the functions of the various Directorates derive from those of the DCI.

3. The other primary objection is that most of the paper itself is devoted to activities which have been attacked from one or another quarter as being improper or not in keeping with the American spirit. Out of over 100 lines of text, less than 10 are devoted to the production of intelligence. There is no explicit statement that most of the activities enumerated are for the purpose of providing authoritative information and assessments about what's going on abroad to US officials who need this information to formulate and implement US national security policy, broadly defined.

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4. Finally, the list omits several services of common concern which the Agency performs on behalf of the entire intelligence community. Among the ones this Directorate performs are the translation of foreign language documents, the production of economic intelligence, cartographic services,

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<p>This paper is a draft of the Agency functions. It is the first cut of a paper for submission to the Counsel to the President. We understand it is to serve as a foundation for a new Agency Charter. Would you please let me have any additions you may have by noon Thursday, 24 April. You may call in your suggestions on [REDACTED]. The language in this draft is not to be considered for the proposed legislation. At this time, we want to list all the Agency functions to be sure they will be covered.</p>			
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FUNCTIONS OF THE AGENCY

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1. Collect clandestinely foreign intelligence (overseas and domestic).

A. Establish liaison with foreign intelligence services.

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C. Joint collection operations in foreign countries, i.e.,

SIGINT, COMINT and ELINT.

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D. Collect intelligence on narcotics traffickers.

E. Collect intelligence on terrorists.

F. Use of tradecraft, electronic and audio surveillance, physical surveillance, mail intercept, surreptitious entry and photographing documents.

G. Technical support, alias documents, disguises, concealment devices, communications systems (both radio and secret writing).

2. Conduct counter-intelligence to neutralize the effectiveness of foreign intelligence activities against U.S. intelligence efforts (overseas and domestic).

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